

II. Method of Collection

The collection of information will be collected on the Fisheries Finance Program Application Form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0012.

Form Number: NOAA FORM 88-1.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for profit organizations—commercial fishermen, partnerships, and corporations applying for financing or buyback funds.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1650.

Estimated Time Per Response: 6.3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10,400.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: No capital, operations, or maintenance costs are expected.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 17, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); Spring Species Working Group Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT announces its Spring Meeting with its Species Working Groups on April 6-8, 1998.

DATES: The open sessions of the Committee will be held on April 6, 1998, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; on April 7, 1998, from 8 a.m. to approximately 9:30 a.m.; and on April 8, 1998, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed meetings of the Species Working Groups will be held on April 7, 1998, from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on April 8, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathon Krieger (301) 713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will meet in open session to discuss (1) the U.S. implementation of ICCAT recommendations; (2) research and monitoring activities; (3) the results of the Committee's Species Working Groups meetings; and (4) other matters relating to the international management of ICCAT species, including possible special presentations by individual speakers. While the public will have access to the open sessions of the meeting, there will be no opportunity for public comment. Sessions of the Advisory Committee's Species Working Groups will not be open to the public, but the results of those discussions will be reported to the full Advisory Committee during the Committee's open session on April 8. In addition, the Advisory Committee will meet in closed session the morning of April 8 to discuss internal operational matters. Accordingly, the determination has been made that the committee shall go into executive session at that time.

Special Accommodations

The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jonathon Krieger at (301) 713-2276 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Coastal Migratory Committee (Committee) and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Bluefish Board (Board) will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 1998, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, City Avenue and Monument Road, Philadelphia, PA; telephone: 215-581-5000.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review the recommendations of the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee regarding the status of the bluefish stock. The Committee and Board may recommend management measures compatible with the new assessment information.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Committee and Board for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.